THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN): (a) Indian Pharma Industry is exporting to U.S. generic segments already. The generic segment is increasing every year.

(b) About 1.3 of the top 35 molecules are due to lose US patent protection by 2005. Indian pharma companies certainly have a feasibility of making their way into the patent challenge-led opportunity.

(c) to (e) Indian pharma companies have established their presence in US market. Indian companies are one of the major contributors in Drug Master File (DMF) filling with US Food and Drug Administration. Many Indian Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) manufacturers are supplying to US market. Some Indian Companies are supplying formulations also.

The export of Drugs and Pharmaceuticals & Crude drugs to USA has increased from $ 218.9 million in 2000-01 to $ 449.6 million in 2002-03.

Working of Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd.

98. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Hindustan Organic Chemicals Ltd. (HOCL) has been referred to BIFR;

(b) if so, the details of the profit/loss make by HOCL and the parent unit at Rasayani in Maharashtra during the last three years, company-wise;

(c) whether Government have received any proposal regarding the revival of the Rasayani unit;

(d) whether Government have received any proposal for the merger of HOCL Cochin Unit with Kochi refineries;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the details decision taken by Government on this proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) No, Sir

(d) No, Sir.

(e) and (f) Do not arise.

Consumption, production and supply of fertilizers

†99. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

(a) the per year average consumption of fertilizers in the country;

(b) whether Urea, Diphosphatic fertilizers are being produced in the country upto consumption level; if not, the manner in which Government are meeting the demand;

(c) the quantity of fertilizer imported to fulfil the requirement; and the amount of foreign exchange spent on the import of fertilizers during the last two years;

(d) the steps being taken by Government to strike a balance in the consumption, production and supply of fertilizers; and

(e) whether the subsidy on fertilizers is likely to be increased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN): (a) Year-wise per hectare average consumption of fertilizers in nutrient terms (NPK) for the last three years is as follows:—

year	consumption (kg/ha)
2001-02	91.49
2002-03	84.82
2003-04	92.10

(b) The country is nearly self-sufficient in meeting the requirement of nitrogenous and phosphatic fertilizers, namely Urea, DAP and NPK complexes. Whenever there is a gap in demand-supply situation of urea, the Government imports urea through State Trading Enterprises (STEs). As regards DAP, being a de-controlled and de-canalized fertilizer, its import depends on prevailing international prices and the domestic market demand-supply situation in the country.

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